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SUBJECT. MEDIA REACTION-- SECRETARY'S MID-EAST TRIP

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FROM MAESTRONE

1. SECRETARY'S ME TRIP AND ASWAN MEETING PHOTOS LEAD IN ALL PAPERS. BOTH AL AHAM AND AL GOMHOURIYA FOCUS ON SADAT'S CURRENT MEETINGS WITH TOP GOVERNMENT, PARLIAMENT AND PRESS LEADERS. AL AHAM REPORTS SUCH MEETINGS, WHICH MAY CONTINUE AFTER KISSINGER'S SECOND ROUND IN ASWAN, SEEK "TO CLARIFY DIMENSIONS OF FOREIGN AND ARAB POLITICAL SITUATION IN LIGHT OF UPCOMING DEVELOPMENTS."

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AL GOMHOURIYA SAYS MEETINGS ARE INTENDED TO "DEAL WITH EXPECTATIONS

WHICH MAY RESULT FROM KISSINGER'S TRIP AND TALKS IN REGION."

2. AL AHAM REPORTS KISSINGER TOOK TO ISRAEL GOE'S INITIAL PROPOSALS AND WILL RETURN TO EGYPT WITH ISRAEL'S REPLY TO THESE PROPOSALS. PAPER ADDS THAT FINAL RESULTS ARE EXPECTED BY MARCH 16 AFTER SERIES OF SHUTTLES. AL GOMHOURIYA QUOTES "INFORMED SOURCES" AS SAYING THAT KISSINGER'S TALKS IN ASWAN "HELP MOVEMENT TOWARD PEACE." STORY, HOWEVER, QUOTES ISRAELI PRESS SPECTULATIONS THAT, IF AGREEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL FROM PASSES AND OILFIELDS IS REACHED, ACTION WILL FOLLOW SIX TO NINE MONTHS LATER. AL GOMHOURIYA'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT QUOTES AMERICAN SOURCES WITH SECRETARY'S PARTY AS SAYING THAT KISSINGER IS ENCOURAGED BY RESULTS OF ASWAN TALKS, BUT FEELS TALKS IN ISRAEL WILL BE DIFFICULT SO HE WILL RETURN TO ISRAEL PRIOR TO COMING BACK TO ASWAN ON WEDNESDAY.

3. ALL PAPERS PUBLISHED KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN DAMASCUS TO EFFECT THAT "ME PEACE REQUIRES PARTICIPATION OF ALL PARTIES." YET, AL AKHBAR REPORTS, KISSINGER DOES NOT INTEND TO CONTACT PALESTINIAN LEADERS AT PRESENT.

4. AL AHAM REPORTS STATEMENT BY "INFORMED SYRIAN SOURCES" THAT ASAD APPROVES OF WITHDRAWAL FROM GOLAN FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI PROVIDED THAT GENEVA CONFERENCE IS RESUMED. AL AKHBAR INDICATED ASAD SAID SYRIA WILL APPROVE OF "INTERM" AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL IF ALL FRONTS WERE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. IN FULLER COVERAGE OF SYRIAN SCENE, AL AKHBAR SAYS ASAD CALLED NEWSMEN PRIOR TO MEETING WITH KISSINGER TO SATE THAT UN RESOLUTIONS DO NOT REQUIRE SIGNING OF PEACE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL; THAT SYRIA IS READY TO FORM UNIFIED SYRIAN-PLO POLITICAL AND MILITARY COMMAND; THAT PROPOSED COMMAND LEADERS MAY DECIDE AGAINST PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND THAT SYRIA WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA CONFERENCE "WITHOUT PALESTINIANS." YET, FOLLOWING MEETING WITH KISSINGER, AL AKHBAR REPORTS, ASAD SAID HE WAS READY TO END STATE OF BELLIGERENCY WITH ISRAEL IF ISRAEL IMPLEMENTS UN RESOLUTIONS REGARDING WITHDRAWAL FROM LANDS OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND RESTORATION OF LEGITIMATE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

5. EDITORIALS UNDERSCORE EGYPT'S "CLEAR" POSITION IN ME CRISIS AND HAIL SADAT'S REFUSAL TO SIGN WRITTEN PLEDGE TO END STATE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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BELLIGERENCY WITH ISRAEL. EDITORIALS INCLUDED INDIRECT CRITICISM OF OTHER ARABS OPPOSING GOE'S POLICIES.  
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